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For : APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR TRANSMITTING AND
RECEIVING FOR IMAGE

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

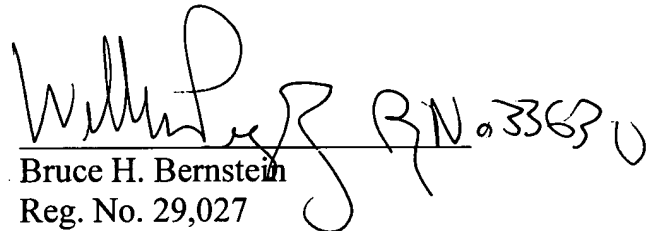
In response to the Notice of Allowability, mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on September 14, 2004, and to the Statement of Reasons for Allowance attached thereto, Applicant wishes to clarify the record with respect to the basis for the patentability of claims in the present application. In this regard, while Applicant does not disagree with the Examiner's indication that certain identified features are not disclosed by the references, Applicant submits that each of the claims in the present application recite a particular combination of features, and that the basis for patentability of each of these claims is based on the totality of the particular features recited therein.

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In particular, none of the independent claims define or recite the nature of the "specific mark". Applicant's references to "@" were indicated to be merely by a "non-limiting example". Nor do the claims (or Applicant's remarks) recite "exclusively within an inputted destination mail address", asserted by the Examiner at page 3, line 18. Thus, the reasons for allowance should not be limited to the features listed by the Examiner but by the claims. Features noted by the Examiner but not contained in the claims or remarks (those listed above merely being examples) should not be considered to limit the claims.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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